environmental pollution, vicious circle of infection and malnutrition, have to be addressed to. I understand that we are taking loans from the World Bank for training technicians. Certainly Technicians should be trained for better skill formulation but the most important point is to generate popular awareness. The health programme must be converted into a people's programme. There is need to transfer knowledge and skill from the health personnel to the common man and to the community. Sir, in conclusion, in this country of ours, health crisis has become a serious problem demanding decisive action and inervention by the Government and all of us. I beg the Government, I request the Government, to make a contingency plan and a long-term plan to tackle these diseases. If you give us health and education, other things will follow. In short, since there is no time, I would like to say this much only.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE - contd.

Notifications of Ministry of Finance

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table, under sub-section(2) of section 38 of the Central Excises and Salt Act, 1944, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue) together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notifications:—

(1) No. 22/97-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 25th July, 1997 regarding collection of excise duty on ingots and billets on the basis of the annual capacity of the factory manufacturing such ingots and billets.

(2) No. 23/97-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 25th July, 1997 regarding collection of excise duty on Hot Re-rolled products on the basis of the annual capaciity of production of the factory manufacturing such products.

(3) No. 24/97- Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 25th July, 1997 regarding Induction Furnace Annual Capacity Determination Rules, 1997.

(4) No. 25/97-Central Excise (N.T.) dated the 25th July, 1997 regarding Hot Re-rolling Steel Mills Annual capacity Determination Rules, 1997.

(5) No. 26/97-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 25th July, 1997 seeking to amend notification No. 5/94-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 1st March, 1994 with the aim of not allowing the credit of duty paid on.

(6) No. 27/97-Central Excise (N.T.), dated the 25th July, 1997 publishing the Central Excise (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 1997.

(7) No. 42/97-Central Excise, dated the 25th July, 1997 seeking to prescribe a rate of Rs. 750 per metric tonne of the annual capacity of production as the duty of excise chargeable on specified ingots and billets of non-alloy steel.

(8) No. 43/97-Central Excise, dated the 25th July, 1997 seeking to prescribe with effect from 1st August, 1997 a rate of Rs. 400 per metric tonne of the annual capacity of production as the duty of excise chargeable on specified hot re-rolled products on non-alloy steel.

(9) No. 44/97-Central Excise, dated the 25th July 1997 seeking to amend notification No. 16/97-Central Excise dated the 1st April, 1997.

(10) No. 45/97-Central Excise, dated the 25th July 1997 seeking to amend notification No. 38/97-Central Excise dated the 27th June, 1997.

[Placed in Library. for (1) to (10)] *See* No LT-2185/A/97.

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता (मध्य प्रदेश): महोदय, मुझे यह बताइए कि स्पैशल मैंशन का ..(**व्यवधान**)..

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): No. No., the time is now 2.30 ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता: आप मुझे पांच मिनट का समय तो दीजिए। नहीं तो अगर इस तरह से ...(**व्यवधान**)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): No. it is the time for Private Memebrs' Legislative Business ...(*Interruptions*)... No, it is the time for private Members' Business. We can't relax that. I do not have any authority to relax that. Unless the House gives me the authority. I can't relent ...(*Interruptions*)... No, no, I have to take up the Private members' business...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता: आप मुझे बताइए कि स्पैशल मैंशन का क्या हुआ ..(**व्यवधान**).. मैं आपसे व्यवस्था चाहता हूं। यह जबलपुर के भूकंप पीड़ितों का मामला है, बहुत गंभीर मामला है। ..(**व्यवधान**)..

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): You know the time for the Private Members' business is fixed. We can't relax that. Only the House can relax that. In other things the House can relax. But, at 2.30 we have to start the Private members' business ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता: आपने बाकी के मैंबर्स को बोलने का समय दिया है। ..(**व्यवधान**).. आप मुझे भी कहीं न कहीं ऐडजस्ट कर सकते हैं। ..(**व्यवधान**)..

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): If the House wants to relax, it is up to the House to do that I can't do that...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता: स्पैशल मैंशन की लिस्ट में मेरा नाम चौथे नम्बर पर है। ..(**व्यवधान**)..

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): Please sit down...(*Interruptions*)... No, no, please. I can't do that...(*Interruptions*)... No, I can't do that...(*Interruptions*)...I am sorry I can't do that...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता: महोदय, यह कोई न्याय नहीं है। मुझे क्षमा करिए मैं वॉक आउट करना चाहता हूं। ..(**व्यवधान**)..यह बहुत गंभीर मामला है। ..(**व्यवधान**).. सोहनी साहब के स्वागत के लिए ..(**व्यवधान**)..

श्री राघवजी (मध्य प्रदेश): महोदय, इन्हें समय दिया जाना चाहिए। ..(**व्यवधान**)..

श्री सुरेश पचौरी (मध्य प्रदेश): यह जो मामला है वह बहुत गंभीर है। यह मानवीय मसला है। महोदय, जबलपुर मध्य प्रदेश में जो लोग भूकंप से त्रस्त हुए हैं, उनको बहुत कष्ट हुआ है, भूकंप से बहुत क्षति हुई है। उनकी भावनाओं को ध्यान में रखते हुए हमारे माननीय सदस्य को अवसर मिलना चाहिए। ...(व्यवधान)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): It is never done. We have never done it ...(*Interruptions*)...

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता: आप मुझे पांच मिनट का समय तो दीजिए। ...(**व्यवधान**)...

श्री सुरेश पचौरी: यह एक मानवीय मुद्दा है। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता: आपने आधा घंटा सोहनी साहब के स्वागत में लगा दिया। आप उनका स्वागत करें हम इस बात का विरोध नहीं करते। ...(व्यवधान)... मुझे क्षमा करिए, मैं वॉक आउट करूंगा ...(**व्यवधान**)... **यह बहुत गंभीर मामला है।** ...(व्यवधान)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): Please, one minute ...(*Interruptions*)...

SYED SIBTEY RAZI (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I have a suggestion. Of course, the time for the Private Members' business has started and you are upholding the traditions of the House, but the matter raised by the hon'ble Member is very important. It needs the urgent attention of the Government. So, I have a suggestion that you can given 10 minutes for it ...(*Interruptions*)

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता: महोदय, मुझे क्षमा करें, यह कोई न्याय नहीं है। मैं वॉक आउट करूंगा।

..(व्यवधान) मुझे अपनी बात कहने के लिए ..(व्यवधान)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): No. no...(*Interruptions*)... I will put it to the senses of the House...(*Interruptions*)... No...(*Interruptions*)...One minute ...(*Interruptions*)...

SYED SIBTY RAZI: The Member who is raising this point is him self going to raise this issue...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMIANTHAN): No. no. Please hear me. please hear me. If it is the sense of the House...(*Interruptions*)... then I have no objection. That is what I have said. Shall we have the Private Members' business ...(*Interruptions*)...

Now, another important thing... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता: इस तरह से तो यह पूरे सदन में नहीं उठ पाएगा। ..(व्यवधान).. कृपा करके आप ..(व्यवधान).. दस मिनट में हम लोग अपनी बात समाप्त कर देंगे। ..(व्यवधान)..

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMIANTHAN): Now, another important thing is that Shri Narain Prasad Gupta's name is fourth in the list. Before that, there are three other names. if they also do not insist, then I can permit him. There are three Memebrs before him in the lsit. The list has been given to me. Now, as Presiding Officer, my position is very delicate. I can't suddenly permit him without obliging the other three Members. What does the House want me to do? ...(*Interruptions*)... Then, there are another three names in the zero Hour list... (*Interruptions*)...

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता: मेरा आपसे अनुरोध है कि जबलपुर के भूकंप का मामला ..(व्यवधान)..

AN HON. MEMBER: We are not obejcting to it.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): Nobody is objecting. If the House agrees, I can taken it up.

SYED SIBTEY RAZI: The Jabalpur issue is a very important one. Other matters have taken a lot of time. But, this is a humanitarian problem. The people are suffering. If we are not taking it up today, it will be again. ..(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): Taking the sense of the House ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Introduction of the Bills can be completed. Discussion can start after that. We can finish the introduction part.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): Will that be all right? Once we start the Private Members' business, the House will have to continue for two and a half hours. I think, it can't be done in a piecemeal manner. As far as my experience goes, you can't do that in a piecemeal manner. So, I would say we better complete this first and then start the Private Members' business. I do not think it will be fair to interrupt the Private Members' business. So, is it the sense of the House that we permit him?

SOME HON. MEMBERS: Yes. Yes.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN): Shri Narain Prasad Gupta.

SPECIAL MENTION

Recent Earthquake in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

श्री नारायण प्रसाद गुप्ता (मध्य प्रदेश): उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, आपका बहुत-बहुत धन्यवाद। हम लोगों ने इसलिए आग्रह किया है क्योंकि यह बहुत ही गम्भीर मामला है। यह मामला बहुत गम्भीर इसलिए है कि लातूर में जो भीषण भूकम्प आया था, उससे भी अधिक तीव्रता से यह जबलपुर का भूकम्प आया है जो कि पिछले सौ साल में पहली बार आया है। लातूर के भूकम्प में ज्यादा जन हानि हुई थी लेकिन जबलपुर के भूकम्प में जन हानि ज्यादा नहीं हुई है क्योंकि गर्मियों के दिन थे, लोग बाहर सोये हुये थे। इस भूकम्प में केवल 39 लोग मारे गये हैं लेकिन सम्पत्ति की हानि इतनी